

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 23, at indicated lines 19 – 27 with the following paragraph:

-- Alternatively, **FIG. 9** shows a block diagrammatic representation of an alternative embodiment having a diabetes management system that is a patient-operated apparatus 910, similar as shown in **FIG. 8**, having a housing preferably sufficiently compact to enable the apparatus 910 to be hand-held and carried by a patient. For example, a separate or detachable glucose meter or BG acquisition mechanism/module 928. There are already self-monitoring devices that are capable of directly computing Algorithms 1, 2, 3 and displaying the results to the patient without transmitting the data to anything else. Examples of such devices are ULTRA SMART (a self-monitoring device capable of directly computing Algorithms 1, 2, 3 and displaying the results to a patient) by Lifescan Inc., Milpitas, CA and FREESTYLE TRACKER (a self-monitoring device capable of directly computing Algorithms 1, 2, 3 and displaying the results to a patient) by Therasense, Alameda, CA. --.